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DWS Circular Letter #2018-04

TO: Public Water Systems

FROM: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Section Chief, DWS 

DATE: January 16, 2018

RE: Ice Jams, Flooding and Emergency Preparedness

In light of recent media coverage showing the effects of ice jams and subsequent river flooding in certain areas of Connecticut, the Department of Public Health (DPH) – Drinking Water Section (DWS) would like to share the following EPA *Incident Action Checklist – Extreme Cold and Winter Storms* resource with public water systems:

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-06/documents/extreme_cold_and_winter_storms.pdf

The checklist provides useful information that public water systems can utilize in preparation and response to extreme winter weather events.

You are reminded to report any and all emergency incidents (loss of pressure, infrastructure failures, flooding, storm damage, facility access problems, etc.) to your local Emergency Management Directors, DEMHS Regional Coordinators and the Department of Public Health as soon as practical and by whatever means available. The DPH – DWS can be reached at 860-509-7333 during normal business hours (8:00AM – 4:30PM) or 860-509-8000 after-hours and holidays.

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